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SUBJECT: FORMATION OF HOMELANDS TELEVISION SERVICE

1. CONGEN HAS RECEIVED REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON WHETHER INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENTS, TO WHICH SOUTH AFRICA IS A PARTY, WOULD ENABLE SAG TO BLOCK SEPARATE TELEVISION SERVICE FOR BLACK HOMELAND BOPHUTHATSWANA.

2. ACCORDING TO PAT ROGERS, SABC TELEVISION PERSONALITY (NEWS), A SPLIT HAS DEVELOPED WITHIN SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY OVER, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EDITORIAL POLICY AND NEWS MANAGEMENT. ACCORDINGLY, A GROUP HAS DISCUSSED FORMATION OF INDEPENDENT TELEVISION SERVICE BASED IN SOON TO BE INDEPENDENT BOPHUTHATSWANA (BROADCASTING LOCATION ABOUT 60 MILES FROM PRETORIA-JOHANNESBURG, 70 PERCENT OF SABC VIEWING AUDIENCE.)

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3. ROGERS SAYS GROUP HAS ALREADY ACQUIRED FINANCIAL BACKING, BUT NEED ADVICE ON WHETHER SOUTH AFRICA COULD BLOCK TRANSMISSIONS INTO REPUBLIC OR REFUSE BROADCAST CHANNEL USAGE. DO INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION AGREEMENTS (OF WHICH SAG IS SIGNATORY) ALLOW SAG TO DENY RIGHT OF INDEPENDENT BOPHUTHATSWANA TELEVISION STATION FROM BROADCASTING INTO REPUBLIC OR ACQUIRING BROADCASTING CHANNEL (INCLUDING UHF OR VHF CHANNEL)?

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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